48 LAID OFF FOR THE LAST TEN MONTHS

We, the group of 48 workers who were laid off by Packard last May are appealing to our fellow workers for support.

For ten months now we have been on the dole. **But we were promised our jobs back in April, 1995.** Now the company have reneged on that promise and broken their agreement with us.

We fully understand the pressure that has been on all workers in the plant over recent months. But the overtime ban that had been in place in the past was the only muscle we had to ensure that Packard gave us our jobs back. We don't have any guarantee of a return to work date or any option of redundancy.

The unions at Packard have promised to try to secure a hearing in the Labour Court on our case. On Thursday 2nd March we will be meeting in the factory with our shop stewards. We have been told that we **might** get a date for the Court.

We badly really need your support. Schramm has stated openly that there will be more lay-offs this year. If the disgraceful treatment we have received is any sign of things to come then many more of you inside will be facing the same future as us. **It is in all our interests to fight the company on this issue.**

The 48 appeal to you to show your solidarity and remember that it could be your jobs next.

■ We are sincerely asking that no overtime is worked while we are left outside.

■ We appeal for support for our meeting on 2nd. March. The meeting will be held at 4.00pm in the factory and we are asking that as many of you as possible attend that meeting.

■ We need the support of our unions. Please raise our case whenever or wherever you can.

■ In the near future we are planning a public demonstration in Tallaght to highlight our case and we appeal to you to support us.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday 2nd. March at 4.00pm.

■ *Issued by the 48 workers laid off from Packard Electric*